

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ROBERT PERKINS III, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHANTA RENEE IRVING,

Respondent-Appellant.

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April 14, 2009

No. 288180

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 07-467259-NA

Before: Fort Hood, P.J., and Talbot and Davis, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), (h), (j), and (k)(v). We affirm. This appeal has been decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(b)(i), (g), (h), (j), and (k)(v) were each established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(G); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 360; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Respondent, who was suffering from Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy among other mental illnesses, caused the child to contract a life-threatening bacterial infection. She was convicted of child endangerment and was serving a five-year prison sentence; she was not due to be released until early 2011. Respondent's mental health issues had not been resolved, and she still did not fully accept that she was responsible for her son's health problems.

Further, the trial court did not clearly err in finding that termination of respondent's parental rights was in the child's best interests. *Id.* at 356-357; MCL 712A.19b(5). Thus, the court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Karen M. Fort Hood

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ Alton T. Davis